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Subject:- question of lifting the Ban against the entry of Srimatti Kamaladevi Chattopadyaya in to the state.

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Year 1945—1946.

C.B. 12- 45- 44.

General and Revenue

Secretariat.

Confidential Branch.

SUBJECT

Question of lifting the Ban against the Entry of Srimathi Kamala Devi Chattopadyaya, into the State.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
C.C. No. 20 of 42-43.	C.B. 311-45-142. (G.C. No. 101/45)
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D.O. Letter No 1466 dt 20-10-1945 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore requesting him to furnish his opinion re: the removal of ban on the entry of [illegible] Kamala [illegible] into

D.O. Letter No. CB 80/45-46 dt 20-10-45 from the Inspector General of Police furnishing his opinion

Submitted for orders

(Vide also letter dt)

CKS 21/X

(~~Vide remarks on previous page~~)

Further action may be taken in Prohn. Br.

GOA 21/10

XX Pl. Rev (Please read with MW)

MW 21/10 AS Chief Dy

4 Draft reply is submitted for consideration.

MW 22/10

Chief Secy)

Min Rev & Dewan) MW 22/10/45

5 I would say that since no definite request has been made in the Communication @ 11.X.45

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Prohibitory Order against Srimati Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya

no action can be taken

Dewan 28/x.

b) Do

meeting 25/10/45

CB

WO 26/10/45

To

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Subject:-

Letter of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya re: the ban against her entry into the State.

OPINION OF COUNCIL.

8/ (To be taken up at the next meeting)

UO
29/10/45

7/ Dewan's further instns:- on 4/11/45

If the Min Rev agrees, a brief letter (in an. in Dft II) acknowledging the receipt of her letter & says that the ban in still in force may be issued immediately.

8/ Dft No II for appl or other orders -

Min Rev)

UO
5/11/45

9/ Draft no II as above (at A) is approved.
6/11/45

10/ Issue (today)

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6/11/45
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To Srimatee Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya
C/o A-1. Women's Conference office
Lamington Road, Bombay - Letter No. P 3227/6.11.45

States that the Prohibitory order against her is still in force

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Prohibitory orders against Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

From
The Hon. Secretary, Bhagini Samaj, Mangalore.
Dated 29-10-45

Forwards copy of Resolution passed at Karanataka provincial women's conference held on 21-10-45 & requests that Mrs Kamaladevi may be allowed to enter Mysore.

11/ Submitted: In This office letter no. P. 3227 D 6-11-45 Sri: Kamaladevi was informed that the order prohibiting her from entering the Mysore state is still in force. with be intimated, if approved, of the above as already issued.

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12 Draft D.O. letter put up for confirmation.

13 There seems to be no need to take notice of the resolution of the Samaj. It may be simply filed.

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CHIEF SECRETARY.
13 NOV. 1945
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Chief Secy

20.11.45

20/11/45

Serial No.

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Branch Representative, All. India Women's
Conference, Calcutta Branch
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Such undertaking. In case the matter a request for the removal of the ban, we can tell her that the Govt would be prepared to raise the ban if she were to give an undertaking of the kind.

23) Whether any reply somewhat on the above lines may not be sent to Mrs Ayesha Ahmed the Branch Representative A.I.W.C. Calcutta Branch with refe to her letter of 3rd Dec 1945 is for order.

24) In the meantime, the ban may continue as at present.

Min Rev & Dewan — WCL 10/12/45

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Dewan — 20/12.

26) I agree. A note may please be put up for submission to His Highness

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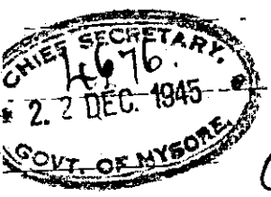

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Chief Sy) for ann. (Min Rev not in Station.)
Min Rev) WO
23/12/45

Dewan mm: "D S N may be put up.
WO
26/12/45

D. S. N. put up Cpr 27/12

Chief Sy
Dewan) WO.
29/12/45

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Submitted to His Highness.

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In December 1942, an order was issued, under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules, externing Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya (who was then in detention in the Central Jail, Bangalore, for her subversive activities) from the State, on her release from the Jail and prohibiting her from returning to the State. In

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October 1945, the lady in question addressed a letter to this Government expressing the hope that the order of 1942 which had been served on her under quite different circumstances would no longer come in the way of her free movements, and adding that by the time she next came to the State, she expected "the bar sinister to have been removed." As she had not made any definite request for the removal

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of the ban, a reply was sent to her on 6th November 1945, merely acknowledging the receipt of her letter and intimating that the order prohibiting her entry into the State was still in force.

Srimathi Kamaladevi appears to be also the President of the All-India

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Women's Conference. A letter, dated 3rd December 1945, has been since received from Mrs. Ayesha Ahmed, Representative of the All-India Women's Conference, Calcutta Branch, requesting that the ban imposed on Kamaladevi may be withdrawn.

When the papers went before the Minister for Revenue, he minuted as

Para 25 (4) note

under:-

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I agree with the above proposal and request the gracious approval of His Highness to take action accordingly.

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DEWAN.

Bangalore,
28th December 1945.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Question of lifting the ban against the entry of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya into the State.

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Order.

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30/12/45.

Chief Secy
Frd 2 for a/. and
Dy Mch Member
Pls
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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SUBJECT:—

Question of lifting the ban against the entry of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadyaya into the State.

CB.
WD
4/1/46.

Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders.

Udayanachary
Chief Secretary to Government.
4/1/46

Through the Secretary to Government,

....Department.

Submitted with a draft letter to Rev. Ayeesha Ahmed.
Dft. for Comm.
Min Rev & Dewan
WD 5/1/46
5/1/46.

Minister for Revenue. (Seen,

Minister for Agriculture. (on leave)

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Issue as circular
WD 13/1/46.

Minister for Education and Public Health. 17/1/46

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WD 15/1/46

Minister for Law. 21/1/46.

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Minister for Public Works. 21/1/46. C.B.

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ASSOCIATION OF THE ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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HON. TREASURER:
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HON. GENERAL SECRETARY:
MRS. KULSUM SAYANI
TELEPHONE 44241
"RUPA VILLA,"
CUMBALLA ROAD, BOMBAY 26

14th February 1946.

C.S. Ref. P. 6/2/46

C.B. CHIEF'S 5832 1946

To

CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH No. 3263 Date 14/2/46

The Dewan,
Mysore State,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I have been directed to inform you that at the last Session of the All-India Women's Conference, held at Hyderabad (Sind) at the end of December 1945, the following resolution was unanimously passed :-

> "This Conference emphatically protests against the ban on entry into Mysore State still imposed on Shrimati Kamaladevi by the Government of that State and demands its withdrawal forthwith."

2. It is hoped that very early steps will be taken by your Government in the matter and this office informed accordingly.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Kulsum Sayani
Hon. General Secretary.

S/-

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(CB 12-45-44)
CC 45-44

1) Seen with previous papers on the subject.

2) In Dec. 1945 there was a similar request made by Mrs Ayesha Ahmed, Representative of the All-India Women's Confce, Calcutta March, for lifting the ban imposed on Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya. In reply thereto, she was informed that in case Mrs. Kamaladevi making an application to this Govt. Asking for the removal of the ban against her & giving an undertaking at the same time, that she would not

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Lifting the ban on entry into the state imposed on Srimati Kamaladevi

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engage herself in any political activities in the state, the grant of Myso would have no objection to grant her request.

3) So far we have not heard further in the matter we have not received either from the Representative of the Calcutta branch of the All India Women's Congress or from Mrs. Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya

CHIEF SECRETARY 36 345 1. 5 FEB. 1946 GOVT. OF MYSORE

~~If approved, a similar reply will~~ be sent to the person Communication a copy of it will be sent. to Mrs ~~Kamaladevi also for her info~~

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Chief Sec

This is merely a resolution sent to us demanding withdrawal of orders passed in this Resolution was passed in Dec last. A letter has been sent on 15th Jan to Mrs Ayesha Ahmed joint Hon? Sec in the matter. & perhaps no further action now is called for

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A copy of the communication sent to Mrs Ayesha Ahmed may be sent to this lady with the advice that if Mrs Kamaladevi were to make a

Request for lifting the ban imposed on Sri Kamala Devi Chattopadhya.

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Request as indicated. Govt would have no objn to consider her request. (I would like to see the draft). 11/2/46. 12/2

CHIEF SECRETARY. 19 FEB. 1946 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Draft sent for appl.
19/2/46

18.2.46.

Chief Sec 18/2
For perusal before issue
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ISSUE -
20/2/46

No. 3019/CS 12-45-53 dt 22.2.46
To Miss Kulsum Sayani
Hon. Gen Sec. All India Women's Congress
Branch Calcutta.

Copies/ (with the file) orgr

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Regd. Acknowledgement Dee

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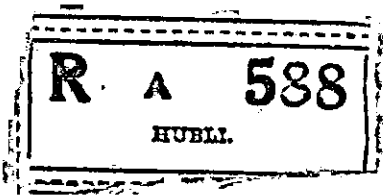
To

The Chief Secretary,
The Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE CITY. 560

From:
Kamaladevi,
Camp: Hubli,



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TRANSLATION OF 'THE LEADER' APPEARING IN "SAMYUKTA KARNATAKA", A KANNADA DAILY NEWS PAPER OF HUBLI, (Dated 11th October 1945).

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QUEER POLICY OF THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT.

There seems to be something wrong in the present policy of the Mysore Government in that it has no regard for public opinion and popular sentiments which had characterised the previous administration. What a contrast between the present rule and the rule of late Krishnaraja Wodeyar which had been based on ancient political doctrines. It may be that the Ministers and the Dewan are responsible for the present administration; but it must not be forgotten that the administration is still carried on under the name of His Highness the Maharaja.

It seems as though the authorities there are attempting to establish dictatorship under the cover of Defence of India Rules. The war is over long back. It is unwise and unreasonable to still pass orders under the provisions which were meant for the efficient prosecution of the war. Where was the need for the arrest of Mr. K.Hanumanthiah, the leader of the Congress Party in the Representative - Assembly, on the eve of the opening of the Assembly. The Government have also served notices on the editors of - "Janavani","Prajamatha" and "Viswakarnataka" to show cause as to why their security amount should not be forfeited, for having published news regarding the food situation. - The Mysore Government do not appear to hesitate to make use of laws and regulations which were in vogue during - the times of Hyder and Tippu Sultan. It can be said - that the war-time rules and regulations died with the - close of the war. What is after all the crime committed by Mr. K.Hanumanthiah? It is foolishness to perpetuate the autocratic administration flouting public opinion. -

Report dated 12th October 1945 of an Officer of the Special Branch, Bangalore.

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Subject:- Regarding the reported visit of Mrs. Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya to Mysore State.

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With reference to the reported visit of Mrs. Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya to Kasturba Training Centre at Paduvarahalli, Mysore, I proceeded to Hubli as per instruction and apprised her on 8-10-1945 that the ban order served on her in the year 1943 prohibiting her entry into Mysore State is still in force and that she cannot enter Mysore territory without the permission of the Government. Thereupon she grew furious making a few mean and exaggerated adverse comments on Mysore Government and Police in general and on some of the personnel of the Government during that time, like the Inspector-General of Police, Chief Secretary, Law Minister etc., and challenged that she would keep up to her programme at any cost and visit Mysore. She persisted in this attitude till 10-10-1945 and had also a berth booked in the train to Bangalore by the Mail train on 10-10-1945. In the meantime, the news of the arrest of Mr.K. Hanumanthiah and the service of notices on the editors of Janavani and Viswakarnataka were published in the local Vernacular Papers at Hubli and this opened the eyes of Mrs. Kamala Devi and her friends in Congress circles that the Government may take drastic action in her case also if she chose to violate the Government Order. They all thought that it would be unwise for her to risk arrest and imprisonment at the present time when her presence outside would be valuable for election propaganda and in view of the fact that she is also expecting a seat in the Central Assembly. Her friends at Mysore appear to have also advised her to reserve her visit to the State for a better cause instead of getting arrested now. Accordingly she made up her mind on the evening of 10-10-1945 to cancel her visit to Mysore for the present.

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She had also informed Gandhiji about her programme at Mysore and the ban order that is in force against her. On the evening of 10-10-1945, she received a wire from Gandhiji advising her to cancel her programme at present but to go later on after informing Government of Mysore before-hand and giving them sufficient time for reflection.

The following is her programme for the present as she gave it to the Associated Press Correspondent at Hubli yesterday.-

12-10-1945: Arrive Bezwada; Visit to Womens Training Camp.
13-10-1945: At Nidubrolu.
14-10-1945: At Madras: Provincial Womens' Conference.
Proceed to Mangalore.

At Mangalore, she will remain for about a week attending to her personal affairs. During the end of this month, there will be some programmes and meetings at Hubli, Belgaum etc. in which she is expected to participate. After these engagements, she may perhaps think of visiting Mysore State in accordance with the advice contained in Gandhiji's telegram referred to above.

From her talks, it appeared obvious that she is harbouring bitter contempt against Mysore administration. She is also responsible for the Editorial appearing in SAMYUKTA KARNATAKA dated 11-10-1945 (Please vide cutting enclosed), containing caustic criticisms of the policy of Mysore Government. The correspondent was with Mrs. Kamala Devi two days prior to the publishing of this editorial and it had been decided between them to publish the editorial after she took a decision regarding her visit to Mysore. The editorial subsequently appeared in the paper after she had finally cancelled her programme to Mysore for the present.

Issued 20/10/45

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D.O. No. 1466/C.B.

19th October 20 5.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of letter addressed to me by Sri: Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, regarding the removal of Ban against her entry into the State.

I am to request you to kindly favour Government with your opinion as to whether the Ban against this lady may continue to be in force for the present or whether it may be lifted.

The favour of a very early reply is requested.

Y.S.

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20/10/45

To

Sri. Narayana Rao, Esq., M.A.(Hons.),
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Camp, Mysore.

Confidential.
D. O. No.C.B.80/45-46.

Camp: Mysore.

BANGALORE

S. NARAYANA RAO, Esq., M.A. (Hons.).
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore

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October 20, 1945.

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My dear Vedavyasacharya,

With reference to your D.O. No.1466/CB of date calling for my opinion in the matter of continuing the ban against Sri Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, I write to state that her case may perhaps be considered along with other cases of the same nature and that till then the ban against her may continue.

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Yours sincerely,

S. Narayana Rao

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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND LAW.
Camp: Mysore,

Dated ....25th October 194 5.

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CB

The recent communication from Srimathi K. Chattopadhyaya expressing a hope that before she next ~~undertakes~~ undertook a tour in Mysore State, the ban against her would have been removed came to-day before me for consideration and in the connected file I had noted that since there was no definite request from her no action could be taken. I have since thought over the matter and feel that, in any case, it may not be wise to remove the ban in the present circumstances and therefore, this further opinion of mine may be submitted to the Dewan for consideration viz., that I feel that the ban against her cannot be removed at present and she may be definitely informed accordingly. This is, of course subject to such final orders as the Dewan may like to pass. I cannot discuss the matter at greater length in this note as I am on my way to my camp at Bandipur.

Chief Secretary to Govt.)

Subd for perusal.
(This will be considered at the Council meeting on the 29th at Mysore.)
Dewan)

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For Disposal at a meeting.

No. C. 340

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

COUNCIL MATTER

Subject:—

Letter of Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya re: ~~entrance~~ the ban against her entry into the State.

Circulated to the Council of Ministers.

By Order,

26th October 1945.

Chief Secretary to Government.

26/10/45

Minister for Revenue. (Seen)

Minister for Agriculture. 26/10

Minister for Education & Public Health. 28/10/45

Minister for Law. 27/10.

Minister for Public Works. 26/10/45.

Dft No 11. (alternate)

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Madam,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, d. 11th October 1945, and to state that the order published with your covering letter still in force

Yours faithfully

(Chief)

Madam Jayaprakash,
Women's Conference,
Lamington Road, Bombay

Dft No I (altmann)

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Madam,

With reference to ~~the~~ your letter dated 11th October 1946 regarding the order prohibiting you from entering the Bijawar State, I am desired to state that the said order is still in force and that it is not proposed to ~~to~~ cancel it for the present.

Yours [illegible]

22/10/46

(Chief Secy

Srimati Kamaladevi
Chattopadhyay
c/o A.I. Women's
Conference
Office
Lamington Road
Bombay

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated, Bangalore, November 6th 1945

D. O. No. P. 3227.

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Madam,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 11th October 1945, and to state that the order prohibiting you from entering the Mysore State is still in force.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- V. Vedavyasacharya.

Srimati Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya,
C/O A-I, Women's Conference Office,
Lamington Road,
Bombay.

Memo No. P. 3259 Dated, Bangalore Nov. 7th '45

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, for information.

for Chief Secretary to Government.

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BHAGINI SAMAJ,
MANGALORE.

Sub-constituency of the Karnataka Branch All-India Women's Conference.

Date 29.10.1945.

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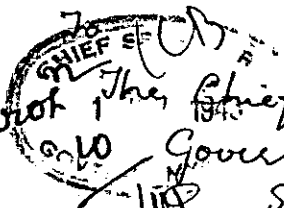

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To
The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore,
Secretariat
Bangalore city.

Sir,

We have great pleasure in sending you the enclosed resolution passed at our Karnataka Provincial Women's conference held on 21.10.45 and we earnestly repeat our request that Mrs. Kamaladevi President of the All India Women's Conference may be allowed to enter Mysore at an early date.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
M. Rathnabai
Hon. Secretary

M. Lilabai
President

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This conference strongly condemns the action of the Mysore Government in preventing the entry of the President of the All India Women's conference in Mysore State on a visit to the Mysore branch and preventing her normal and legitimate work as President. It reiterates once again its protest against such suppression of civil liberties especially when normal conditions have been now established and even the war emergency has passed.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

To

The Honorary Secretary
Bhagini Samaj, Mangalore.

Madam,

With reference to your letter dated the 29th October 4 requesting that Mrs Kamaladevi, president of the All India women's Conference may be allowed to enter Mysore at an early date I am directed to state that the order prohibiting Mrs Kamaladevi from entering the Mysore State is still in force.

Yours

To
The Honorary Secretary
Bhagini Samaj,
Mangalore

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All India Women's Conference

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Mrs. Monica Mullick

33 By Regd Post Rupees 7.12.45

Calcutta, 3rd. December 1945

From: Mrs.Ayesha Ahmed,
Branch Representative,A.I.W.C.
Calcutta Branch.

No 2228.
Dec. 8/12

To

Mr. V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Mysore Government,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

The attention of my Committee has been drawn to your letter No.3227,dated 6th.November 1945, in reply to our President Sm.Kamala Devi's letter dated Hubli, 11th.October 1945.

My Committee desires me to point out to you that the war has ended and therefore the questions of prosecution of war effort and preservation of peace and order under war emergency can not arise. My Committee regards this prohibtory order as a retrogade measure againstthe world conception of freedom and personal liberty.

During war time the presence of a foreign power may have caused you,however regrettably, to promulgate such a measure,but in peace time,one fails to understand,how such pressure can be continued,

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While Kamala Devi moves freely in British India, it is a matter of great regret that our Indian States should refuse her the same freedom of movement.

For the prestige of Mysore and in the name of justice and democracy our Committee requests you to re-consider your order and withdraw the ban imposed on Sm. Kamala Devi.

Yours faithfully

Ayesha Ahmed.

Branch Representative.

103, Ballygunge Place.

No 2 600/CR

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DRAFT. Jan. 5, 1946.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd December 1945, requesting on behalf of your Committee, that the ban imposed on Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya may be withdrawn, I am desired to State that, ~~if Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya were to make an application to this Govt.~~ the Govt have no objection to ~~for~~ lifting the ban against her entry into the State, ~~the Govt. will have no objection to consider her request provided~~ she gives an assurance ~~undertaking~~ that she will not, at present, engage herself in any political activities in the State.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ayesha Ahmed,
Joint Hon. Secretary,
All India Women's Conference,
Calcutta Branch, Calcutta.

DO No 2600/CB

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Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter dated, the 3rd December 1945, requesting on behalf of your Committee, that the ban imposed on Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya may be withdrawn, I am desired to state that the Government have no objection to lifting the ban against her entry into the State, if she gives an assurance that she will not, at present, engage herself in any political activities in the State.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/ V.Vedavyasacharya

Mrs.Ayesha Ahmed,
Joint Hon.Secretary,
All India Women's Conference,
Calcutta

Memo No.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, with reference to his letter No.S.B.562/45-46 dated, 4th January 1946.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

C. F. No. 46] **GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE**

No. S.B.562/45-46. OFFICE OF the Inspector-General of Police
Encls. in Mysore, Bangalore.

SECRET

Date 4-1-1946.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Srimathi Kamaladevi- withdrawal of Externment Orders.

In continuation of my communication No.SB.290/45-46 dated 15-12-1945 (furnishing my opinion on the unofficial file No.2228/CB.) regarding the above subject, I have the honour to state that Mrs. Kamalamma Dasappa, Member, Standing Committee of the All-India Women's Conference, saw me yesterday and said that at the recent Session of the All-India Women's Conference held at Hyderabad (Sind), which she attended, a resolution was passed protesting against the continuance of the ban on Srimathi Kamaladevi and urging the Government of Mysore to withdraw the same and that Srimathi Kamaladevi intends violating the Order, in case it is not withdrawn.

Mrs. Kamalamma Dasappa assured that, in case the order is withdrawn, she might not go here at all and even if she did, she would see that Srimathi Kamaladevi does not engage herself in political activities here. She felt

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36 confident that her advice would be accepted and requested that the order might be withdrawn to prevent the matter becoming an All-India question.

It is, in these circumstances, for consideration of Government whether the A Externment Order may be withdrawn in view of the assurance given by Mrs. Kamalamma Dasappa.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Narayana Rao

Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

A. Subd for perusal & orders.
The main file has been submitted to the Min Rev & Dewan with a dft reply to Mrs Aiyenga Ahmad Branch Repr. Calcutta Branch, A.I.W. Confce.

Min Rev & Dewan

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I have no objn to the Dewan deciding the question as he considers best.

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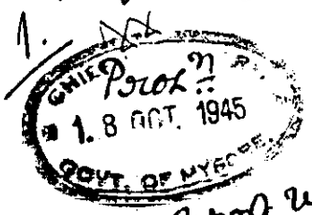

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

[Mr S.B. Report regarding the lady has been submitted to the Minister for Rev. with prev. papers] ar

Sir,

I was surprised to find that an old order served on me in 1942 December not to enter the State of Mysore has been kept alive. I believe and the whole world believes that the war has been won by the British and that my entry into your State cannot any longer come in the way of "the effective prosecution of the War," unless you are waging one on your own, as indicated by the said order.

For perusal. The ban may have to continue for the present. The IGP will be consulted. Min Rev) Dewan

WT 18/10/45

I am a resident of Mangalore and have to pass through your State if I am to go from here. Moreover, since normal conditions have been restored in the Country, I have to resume my ordinary activities.

I hope that reasonably speaking the order which was served on me under quite different circumstances would no longer come in the way of my free movements.

By the time that I next move in your enlightened State I expect the bar sinister to have been removed.

WT 19/10/45

Yours faithfully,

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

Camp: Hubli,
11th Oct.; 45.

Please communicate to:
Kamaladevi, Chattopadhyay
C/o A.=I. Women's Conference Office.
Lamington Rd., Bombay.

Secretariat

Copy of a letter dated 5th December 1945 from Mrs.Kamalamma of Mahila Seva Samaja, Basavanagudi P.O., Bangalore - City to Mrs. Kamala Devi, President, All India Women's Conference, Gilda Tank Building, Lamington Road, Bombay 7.

"Dear Kamala Devi,

I promised to write to you after our Conference was - over. It went off well. Unlike Mangalore, 90 delegates attended it from all parts of the State. The question of the Hindu Law Reforms was thoroughly discussed and the - introduction of Divorce Act and the Civil Marriage Act was unanimously supported. So far it is all right.

As re: the Civil liberties of which we speak so much, I regret to say we have made no advance. After my return from Mangalore, I had interviews with the Dewan, the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Pulla Reddy who has the Portfolio which deals with such affairs. I was surprised to find the same answer from all the three. Even Mr. Pulla Reddy who - comes from free British India (free compared to the Native States) has been tutored by his elders to give the same reply. - Their reply is: "You were prohibited to come to Mysore not as the President of A.I.W.C. but as a Congress leader who has great influence over the people and when you come here you may be tempted to speak on politics by pressure from the Congress and students". Our argument is whether you are the President of A.I.W.C. or a Congress leader, now the ban against the Congress has been lifted, the ban against you should automatically go. They just said they would consider it. I make one more attempt and I shall see whether I will be successful or not.

Now we are placed in a very awkward position and do not know what to do. I also appeal to the S.C.(probably Standing Committee of the A.I.W.C.) to give us instructions how to - conduct ourselves under similar circumstances. On the one - hand, there is the Government which is kind and helpful to us in all matters except what is called politics or anything that

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has a remote connection with that forbidden word. On the other hand, there is the A.I.W.C. of which Mysore is a - branch and has to carry out its policy. We cannot incur the displeasure of either. We are between scylla and charybdes and it is left to the S.C. to pilot us safely

I can say that the Mysore Branch is one of the few well-organised ones, with over 1,000 members. We shall meet at Hyderabad and I hope by then we shall have freedom to welcome you.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- Kamalamma."

SECRET.

No.S.B.490/45-46. Bangalore, dated 6th December 1945.

Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for information.

S. Narayanaswami
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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Subd for perusal.
Min Rev
Dewan

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To

Mrs. Kulsum Sayani,
Hon. General Secretary,
Association of the All-India
Women's Conference,
"Rupa Villa",
Tumballa Road, BOMBAY. (26)

Madam,

With reference to your letter dated 11.2.46 to the Dewan, communicating a resolution passed at the last session of the Conference, in the matter of the withdrawal of the ban imposed on Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadhya^{ya} against her entry into this State, I am desired to enclose for your information a copy of the reply that was sent on 15.1.46 to Mrs. Ayesha Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Calcutta Branch of the All-India Women's Conference, with reference to a similar communication received from her. I am to add that if Sri Kamaladevi were to ~~make a request~~ give an assurance as indicated, this Government would have no objection to ~~considering her request~~ lifting the ban.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary.

Issued on 22-2-46
Signed by Mr. Vedavyasachary

The draft follows the wording in the letter to Mrs Ayesha Ahmed.

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